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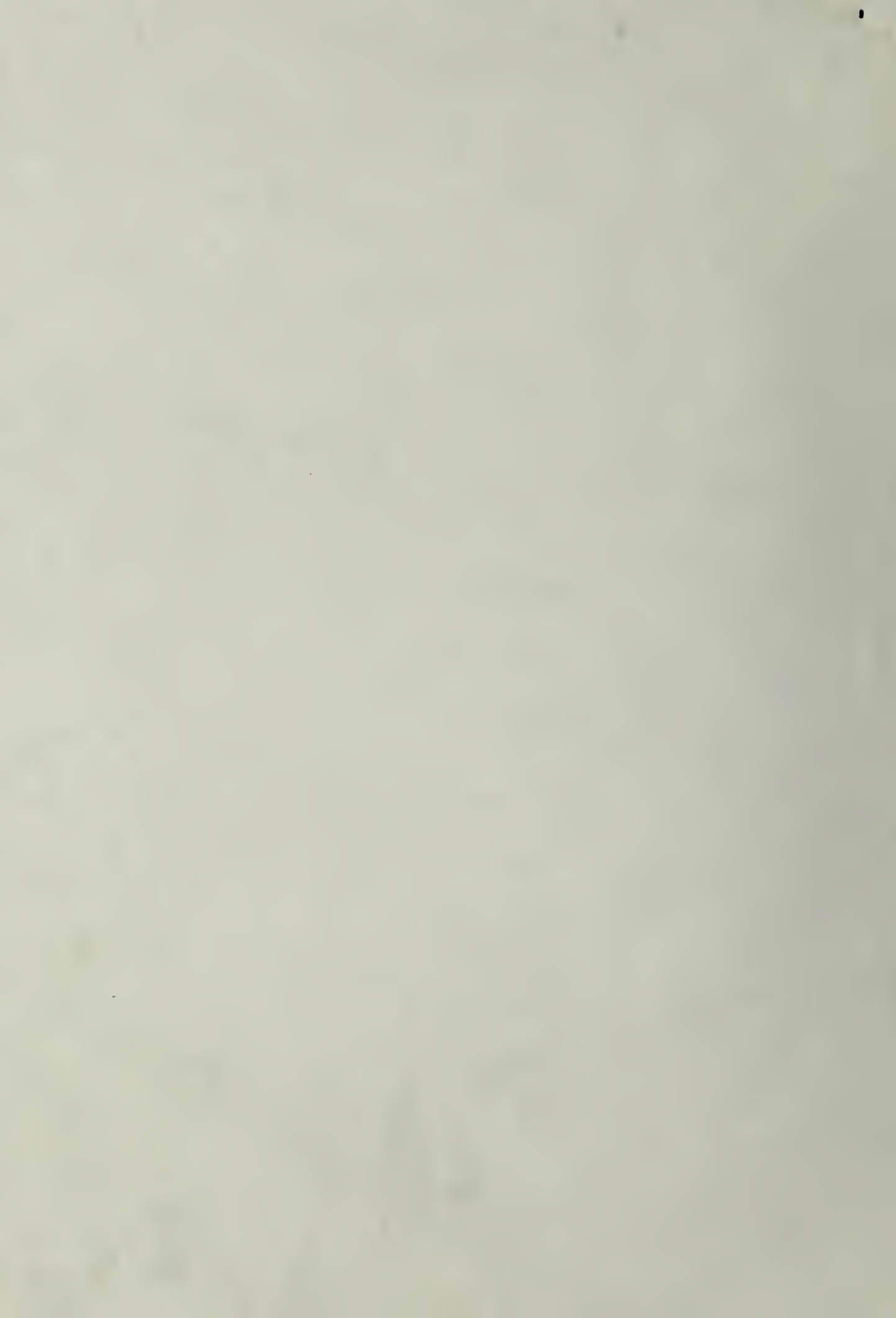
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BOROUGH OF HYTHE

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and
Chief Public Health Inspector for the Year 1973

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1973.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 12,210 which represents an increase of 210 over that of the previous year.

Live Births and Rate

The number of live-births was 109 (55M. 54F.) which was a decrease of 23 from that of the previous year, and the crude birth-rate was accordingly 8.9; after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution, the rate becomes 12.5 and was slightly lower than that of 13.7 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

The number of stillbirths was 3(2M. 1F.) and the stillbirth rate was 27.0 compared with a rate of 12.0 for England and Wales.

Infantile Mortality Rate

There were two infant deaths registered during the year.

The infant mortality rate was accordingly 18.0 compared with that of 17.0 for England and Wales.

The hardcore of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. stillbirths and infant deaths under one week of age) is prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injuries and congenital malformations and the chief maternal factor is toxæmia of pregnancy. (Regard however, should be given to the fact that these statistics are too small for valid comparisons).

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was again nil as there were no deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion and is a reflection of the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 207 (104M. 103F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 17.0 which is an index of the higher proportion of elderly people resident in the Borough; after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor as for births the rate becomes 9.8 and was lower than that of 12.0 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths, as naturally would be expected, was Heart and Circulatory Disease and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System, as these are the most common cause of death amongst the aged; of those there were 107.

Ischaemic Heart Disease (i.e. Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 48 deaths in the following age-groups:-
8 between 55 - 64; 16 between 65 - 74 and 24 over 75 years of age. Forty of those deaths were over 65 years of age. These figures, although too small for any valid inference, indicate that Ischaemic Heart disease is primarily a degenerative or senile disease.

Coronary Atheroma of the Heart is not an uncommon cause of death, often unsuspected in life, as revealed by post-mortem examinations.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths of which there were 28 in the following age-groups:-
1 between 35 - 44; 6 between 55 - 64; 11 between 65 - 74 and 10 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung/Bronchus was the cause of 9 deaths (7M. 2F.) in the following age-groups:- 1 between 55 - 64; 4 between 65 - 74 and 4 over 75 years of age.

Cancer of the Breast was the cause of 3(F) deaths in the following age-groups:- 1 between 35 - 44; 1 between 55 - 64 and 1 between 65 - 74.

Cancer of the Stomach was the cause of 5 (4M. 1F.) death in the following age-group:- 2 between 55 - 64; 2 between 65 - 74 and 1 over 75 years.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no exceptional mortality; there was no death due to Infectious Disease.

Infectious Diseases

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84
Acute Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Food Poisoning	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Measles

Measles is still endemic and prevalent although vaccination is an inhibiting factor in the prevention of larger outbreaks; the serious complications of former years are now relatively infrequent and when they do occur are usually treated successfully by specific anti-biotics.

Scarlet Fever

This illness is now mild and its formerly serious complications are becoming infrequent; if any do occur, treatment by a specific anti-biotic is invariably successful.

Acute Meningitis

Only one case was notified during the year.

Whooping Cough

In former years outbreaks of this distressful children's disease were common and there was a large number of deaths chiefly due to Broncho-pneumonia amongst infants.

Food Poisoning

There was one sporadic case of Food Poisoning - the patient being 20 yrs. of age. This fact is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine preventive work carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

Tuberculosis

There was one new case (1M.) of Respiratory Tuberculosis - the patient being 49 years of age. New cases amongst youth are uncommon to-day compared with the relatively larger number of previous decades and is a reflection of the valuable work of the Tuberculosis and Mass Radiography Services, including B.C.G. vaccination. The pasteurization of milk has been the principal preventive factor.

Influenza

There was no outbreak of this dangerous infection throughout the winter. Influenza, which is still epidemic in the winter months is by and large the most dangerous infection and it is still equivocal whether vaccination is preventive, unless a vaccine specific to the strain which is likely to become epidemic is prepared in time before the epidemic occurs.

A new era in the history of the prevalence of serious Infectious disease has been reached, in prevention and treatment. For example, the remarkable advance in this Century of medical science, with emphasis on the last 40 years, has prevented by vaccination and immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and recently Measles and German Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Pneumonias, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers and Food Poisoning etc.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by the Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of Measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Vaccination against German Measles has been recently introduced for girls aged about 11 - 14 years who might in later years suffer from the infection during pregnancy and give birth to a baby with congenital defects.

Vaccination against Smallpox was discontinued at Child Welfare Centres on the 30th July, 1971 as the Department of Health and Social Security consider mass vaccination of the child population to be unnecessary.



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In conclusion, I would take this opportunity of thanking you for your support and interest in the Public Health Department and also the staff for their co-operation and very efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1973

AREA 3,013 acres

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF

The Resident Population 12,210

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES ACCORDING TO THE RATE BOOKS 4,878

RATEABLE VALUE £594,117

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The Borough of Hythe is largely a residential district, by the sea, and during the holiday months, attracts many visitors. There are a few light industries, including a light Engineering Works, two laundries, a Joinery Works, a Plastics Firm and various domestic trades.

The standard of housing in the borough has been maintained by the Council at a very high level due to long term pre-war planning and as a consequence there are no slum clearance areas. All pre-war Council houses lacking bathrooms etc. have now been modernized with the aid of government grant.

There is negligible unemployment and social conditions are generally satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

					<u>Hythe</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>England</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>				
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	109	55	54	Birth Rate	8.9	13.7
	(a) Legitimate	101	52	49	per 1,000	(Adjusted	
	(b) Illegitimate	8	3	5	estimated	Rate)	
					resident	12.5	
					population		
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	3	2	1	Rate per	27.0	12.0
	(a) Legitimate	2	1	1	1,000 total		
	(b) Illegitimate	1	1	-	(live and		
					still) births		
3.	<u>Total live</u> <u>and stillbirths</u>	112	57	55			
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	207	104	103	Death Rate	17.0	12.0
					per 1,000	(Adjusted	
					resident	Rate)	
					population	9.8	
5.	<u>Deaths from</u> <u>Pregnancy, Child-</u> <u>birth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per	Nil	Not
					1,000 live		Available
					births		
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>Under One Year</u> <u>of Age</u>	2	2	-	Rate per	18.0	17.0
					1,000 live		
					births		
	(a) Legitimate	2	2	-	Rate per	20.0	16.0
					1,000 live		
					births		
					(legitimate)		
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per	N/A	22.0
					1,000 live		
					births		
					(Illegitimate)		
7.	<u>Perinatal Mortality</u> (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under 1 week of age)	2	2	-	Rate per	18.0	10.0
					1,000 total		
					births		
	(a) Legitimate	2	2	-			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8.	Illegitimate live births percent of total live births					7%	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HYTHE BOROUGH

DURING 1973

<u>All Causes</u>	<u>Males</u> 104	<u>Females</u> 103
Malignant Neoplasm Buccal Cavity etc.	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Vronchus	7	2
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm Prostate	2	-
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	6	8
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	2	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	3
Hypertensive Heart Disease	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	23	25
Other Forms of Heart Disease	9	15
Cerebrovascular Disease	14	21
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	8	3
Pneumonia	11	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	2
Peptic Ulcer	-	1
Appendicitis	1	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1
Cirrrosis of Liver	1	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-
Difficult Delivery and/or Anoxic Condition	2	-
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	-	1
All Other Accidents	1	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1973

Age Periods	New Cases			Deaths			Total Cases on Register		
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory
	M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.	
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	31	1
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 plus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-	-	21	31	1

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from that disease.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1973 based on the return sent to the Department of Health & Social Security.

Year of Birth	Primary						Re-Inforcing			
	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph./ Tet.	Tetanus	Polio-myelitis
1973	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1972	74	-	-	22	73	-	-	-	-	-
1971	28	1	-	19	39	-	-	-	-	-
1970	2	-	1	1	5	-	1	-	1	-
1969	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	3
1968	5	-	-	2	5	-	-	52	1	42
1966 - 1967	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	15	1	22
1957 - 1965	3	-	4	-	1	3	-	2	33	18
TOTAL	112	1	5	47	123	3	1	73	36	85

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30-7-71.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Year Ending 31st December 1973

Treatment Centre - Ashford Hospital

Local Health Authority area of residence of patient	Number of new cases in the year				
	Totals all Conditions	Syphilis		Gonorrhoea	Other Genital Infections
		Primary & Secondary	Other		
HYTHE BOROUGH	13	-	-	3	5

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

HYTHE - JAN - JUNE 1973

CENTRE AND DATE OF SURVEY	EXAMINEE GROUP	FILMS TAKEN			ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			INACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			CANCER OF LUNG		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Prospect Road Car Park	G.P. Cases	17	13	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Essential Users	15	70	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Public	109	179	288	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
	TOTAL	141	262	303	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
HYTHE - JULY - DECEMBER 1973													
Prospect Road Car Park.	G.P. Cases	13	4	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	Essential Users	11	35	46	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
	Public	111	132	243	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
	Contacts Imperial Hotel	18	23	41	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
	TOTAL	153	194	347	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	-	1

SECTION B.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The quality of water supplied to the area is adequate and none of the supplies is plumbo solvent.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the Year

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory Supply Undertakings	21	21	-	36	36	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

(B) Number of dwelling not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies Nil

Number of dwellings in the area 5,006

(C) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - None necessary.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (a) The number of food premises in the area 125
- (b) The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 66
- (i) Retailers of Ice cream 52
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. 13
- (c) The number of inspections of registered food premises .. 54
- (d) The method of disposal of condemned food - all food condemned as unfit for human consumption is disposed of under adequate safeguards. Unsound meat, including that from the Slaughterhouse, is disposed of to By-product Companies in accordance with the statutory Regulations.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses 5

Butchers and meat products manufacturers 31



FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (continued)

Catering Establishments and Clubs	40
Dairies (None) Milk & Dairies Regulations	18
Fish (including fried)	6
Licensed Premises	11
Slaughterhouses	550
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	10
All other food premises	89

Number of Informal (including verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1970) 4

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served 4

Inspection of Food and Food-Preparing Premises

No formal action was necessary.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grades</u>			
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Sold loose	5	3	2	-	-
Wrapped or part wrapped	14	8	6	-	-

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

No. of registered distributors 23
No. of registered dairies None

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

Number of samples of raw milk examined None
Number of positive samples (by culture or guinea pig inoculation) None
Action taken in respect of positive samples None
Action taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 No action necessary.

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

Samples taken in course of distribution:-

See table on next page.

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963.

Samples taken in course of distribution:-

	<u>Number of Samples taken</u>	<u>No. of Samples which failed</u>
Pasteurised	44	Phosphatase Test: Nil M.B. Test Nil
Sterilised Milk	Nil	Turbidity Test Nil
Ultra Heat Treated Milk	Nil	Colony Count Test: Nil
Untreated Milk	Nil	M.B. Test: Nil

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	610	26	30	1,789	13,902	-
Number inspected	610	26	30	1,789	13,902	-
<u>All diseases except tubercu- losis & Cysticeri</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	-	2	6	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	26	1	-	25	1,240	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. & cysticeri.	4.26%	3.85%	-	1.51%	8.95%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of w hich some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.040%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of w hich some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	-	-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part (continued)

	Cattle Exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of Slaughterhouses in use

Slaughterhouses/Abattoirs in operation owned or leased by Local Authority	<u>Private Slaughterhouses</u>		<u>Bacon Factories</u>	<u>Knackers' Yards</u>
	<u>Licensed</u>	<u>Operating</u>		
One	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Percentage of slaughtered animals inspected for the purposes
of the Food & Drugs Acts, 1955 100%

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs.</u>
Meat at Slaughterhouse	40	7	13	8
Other Meat	3	-	10	-
Cooked bacon		1	12	-
Tinned Meat (8)		2	23	-
Pigs Livers (Frozen)			21	-
Fish	1	1	14	-
Cheese	2	-	11	-
Butter			5	-
Ice Cream and Water Ices			24	6
Frozen Foods (910 pkts.)	3	2	22	-
Total weight condemned	52	1	15	14

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Houses in clearance areas and unfit houses elsewhere

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED	IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Section 42 of the Hsg. Act, 1957	Unfit for human habitation	Number of houses	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
		Included by reason of bad arrangement	Number of houses	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
		On land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act 1957	Number of houses	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
NOT IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS		As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 16 or 17(1) Housing Act 1957	Number of houses	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
		Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the M.O.H.	Number of houses	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
		Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Number of houses	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
		Houses included in unfitness orders made under para 2 of the Second Schedule to the Land Compensation Act, 1961.	Number of houses	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
		Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings.	Reported as closed up to 31st Dec. 64	Nil	
			Reported as closed since 31st Dec. 64	Nil	
	B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED in pur- suance of Closing Orders or Under- takings	Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) & 35(1) Hsg. Act, 1957 & Section 26 Hsg. Act, 1961	Number of houses	Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
				Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Hsg. Act 1957		Number of houses	Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil	
PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Section 18 Housing Act 1957		Number of dwellings	Number of dwellings	Nil	

C. NUMBER of PERSONS DIS- PLACED	Number of houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas			Nil
	From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas			Nil
	From houses to be closed			Nil
	From parts of buildings to be closed			Nil
D. NUMBER of FAMILIES DISPLACED	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas			Nil
	From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas			Nil
	From houses to be closed			Nil
	From parts of buildings to be closed			Nil
E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT	After informal action by local authority By owner			54
	After formal notice under Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 (a) By owner			Nil
	(b) By local authority			Nil
	After formal notice under Public Health Acts			Nil
	Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1961			Nil
	Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24 Housing Act 1957			Nil
	Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act 1957			Nil
F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit) after formal notice under Public Health Acts.				Nil
G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)	Retained for temporary accommo- dation	Under Sec. 48	Number of houses	Nil
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
		Under Sec. 17(2)	Number of houses	Nil
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
		Under Sec. 46	Number of houses	Nil
			Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Nil
	Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 Or 53 - No. of houses			Nil

H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT	Houses in clearance areas other than those in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders.	No. of houses	Nil
		No. of occupants	Nil

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS - GRANTS

	<u>Discretionary</u>	<u>Standard</u>
Number of schemes submitted & approved during 1973	9	14
Total grants approved by Council (Max 50%)	£6268.30	+ £4065.00
Total payments made on completed works 1973	£1043/1.45	* £4498.72
Total number of houses improved by grants 1973	16	*19

+ Based on number of amenities installed and subject to a maximum payment of half of the statutory allowance.

≠ Includes £8592.15 in respect of 13 grants approved before 1973 but houses improved in 1973.

* Includes £1498.72 in respect of 9 grants approved before 1973 but houses improved in 1973.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re. repairs	.. .. .	72
Number of dwellings made fit	.. .. .	54
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act (Demolition and Closing Orders)	.. .. .	-
Number of inspections of clearance areas	.. .. .	-
Number of inspections for general survey & assessment	.. .. .	-

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	.. .. .	15
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	.. .. .	39

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re. Certificatrns of Disrepair	.. .. .	-
Number of inspections re. Certificates as to Remedying of Defects		-

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications		39
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds		-
Aged and Infirm Persons		11
Vermin	.. .. .	7
Dirty houses	.. .. .	-
Offensive accumulations	.. .. .	5

Public Health Act (continued)

Offensive odours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

NOTICES SERVED

										<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			36	Nil
Housing Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			20	Nil

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney Stacks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				3
Roof	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				11
Gutters and fall pipes			..	..	..	..	..				3
Brickwork, pointing and rendering					..	..	..				10
Windows (including cords)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				7
Doors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				2
Decorations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				-
Outbuildings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				2
Yard Surfacing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				-

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)					..	..	..				6
Doors and Cupboards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				-
Fireplaces and Stoves			..	..	..	..	..				-
Staircases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				2
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	..	..									2
Miscellaneous repairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				2

ii. Dampness to dwellings

Walls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				16
Floors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				-

iii. Foodstore to dwellings

Made satisfactory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				-
Provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				-

iv. Water Supply to Dwellings

Well supplies made adequate and safe	..	..	..								-
Wells discontinued and main water provided							..				-
Service piping renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				2
Sinks renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				8
Drainers renewed or provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				8

v.	<u>Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)</u>	
	Repaired	1
	New Provided	10
	Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	-
vi.	<u>Ventilation of dwellings</u>	
	Improved	-
vii.	<u>Drainage - general</u>	
	Drains renewed or repaired	8
	Drains cleared	13
viii.	<u>Natural lighting of dwellings</u>	
	Improved	-
xi.	<u>Stability of Buildings Remedied</u>	-
x.	Dustbins Renewed	5

HOUSING

(i)	No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31st December	6
(ii)	No. of Council houses built during the year	Nil
(iii)	No. of Private houses built during the year	5

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

Number of Camps usually occupied	-	Not applicable
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CARAVAN SITES

<u>Names and Addresses of Licensed Sites</u>	<u>No. of Caravans on each site</u>	<u>Estimated permanent population</u>
Beach Bank, Dymchurch Rd., Hythe	21	Nil
Bluewater Caravan Site, Dymchurch Rd., Hythe	65	Nil
Garden Caravan Site, Burmarsh Rd., Hythe	37	Nil
Prince of Wales Caravan Sites, Burmarsh Rd., Hythe	30	35
Sandy Bay Caravan Site, Grand Redoubt, Hythe	50	Nil
Fort Lodge Extension Site, Grand Redoubt, Hythe	20	Nil
Oakfield Caravan Site, Burmarsh Rd., Hythe	30	Nil
Willow Tree Farm Caravan Site, Burmarsh Rd., Hythe	110	32

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The number of cesspool cleansings during the year was:- 250

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including flats) is	4,878
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	4,857
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	131
Number of houses connected to cesspools	131
Number of houses with pail closets	Nil

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection of household refuse is made weekly and disposal is by Controlled Tipping.

SALVAGE

Total value of salvage collected amounted to £41.87.

DISINFECTION

Dix disinfections were carried out during the year.

DISINFESTATIONS

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	-	-	-
Other Houses	-	6	-

In addition, 24 wasps nests were destroyed during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

- i. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number of			
	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	7	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	49	21	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	70	28	-	-

- ii. Cases in which defects were found - See next page

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Part VIII of the Act - Sections 110 and 111

There are three Outworkers in the area, one making wearing apparel, two making brass articles and seven making boxes and other receptacles.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	<u>NON-AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
i. Number of properties in district	5,964	2
ii. (a) Total number of properties (incl. nearby premises) inspected following notification.	222	-
(b) Number infested by:-		
(1) Rats	172	-
(2) Mice	10	-
iii. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/ or mice for reasons other than notification	191	2
(b) Number infested by:-		
(1) Rats	26	-
(2) Mice	2	-

